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TAGS: PFOR CB MR US

SUBJECT: SEIZURE OF US MERCHANT VESSEL BY CAMBODIAN FORCES

1. SINCE ALL MINISTERS WERE TIED UP IN DAY LONG CABINET MEETING YESTERDAY, AND SINCE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT WAS EXPECTED TO RESUME THIS MORNING, I AGREED TO APPOINTMENT LATE MAY 15 WITH DIRECTOR DIVISION POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, MUHAMMAD OULD SIDI 'ALI (WHO HAS JUST RETURNED TO NOUAKCHOTT FROM FIVE YEARS IN PEKING AS GIRM AMBASSADOR TO PRC).

2. MADE DETAILED ORAL PRESENTATION OF POINTS IN REFTEL. SIDI 'ALI LISTENED CLOSELY, AND JUNIOR OFFICER TOOK EXTENSIVE NOTES. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING, IN RESPONSE TO SIDI 'ALI'S DIRECT REQUEST, I HANDED HIM COPY OF MY TALKING POINTS PAPER (IN FRENCH). I EMPHASIZED TWICE THAT I HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY MESSAGE RE MAYAGUEZ TO HIGHEST AUTHORITIES, AND DECLARED I WAS RELYING ON POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIVISION CHIEF

TI INSURE MESSAGE WAS PASSED PROMPTLY TO MINISTER.

3. AT CONCLUSION OF PRESENTATION, SIDI 'ALI INDICATED HE WAS NOT IN POSITION TO COMMENT ON OR TO MAKE FORMAL REPLY. HE STATED MESSAGE WOULD BE GOTTEN TO MINISTER AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOON AS HE RETURNED FROM CABINET MEETING. SIDI 'ALI

ACCORDED ME WARM RECEPTION. MOREOVER, HE WAS AS FRIENDLY
AFTER PRESENTATION AS BEFORE--A POSSIBLE INDICATION OF AT
LEAST ONE MAURITANIAN'S REACTION TO US HANDLING OF MAYAGUEZ
INCIDENT. HANDYSIDE" HANDYSIDE

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